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The Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge
U. S. District Court for the District of Maryland
U.S. Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street
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RE: The American Sugar Refining Company,

Inc. d/b/a Domino Sugars v. M/V Aliana Princess etc. et al.

Selection No.: CCB-03-0329

Dear Judge Blake:

In accordance with the Scheduling Order in this case, on behalf of both parties, I would advise that there is not unanimous consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge and that the deposition hours provided in the Scheduling Order are acceptable to both parties.

Very truly yours, /s/ James D. Skeen

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